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Onigari no mori de 2nd
Kano Miyamoto presents
CHARA COMICS

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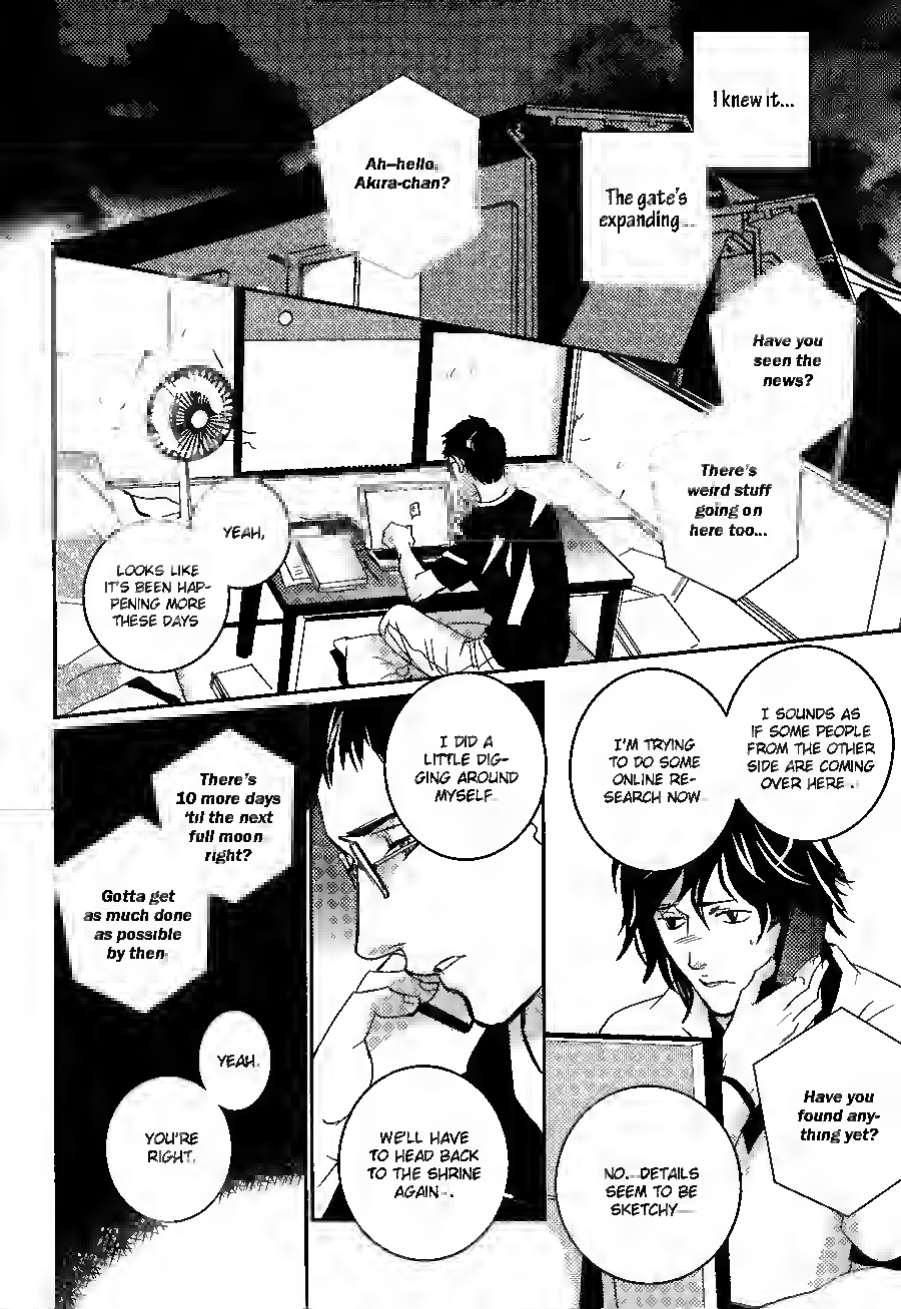
WHEW...
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, AKIRA-CHAN?
YEAH.
DOES THE GIRL LOOK ALL RIGHT?
YEAH.

--AND HAVE THE POLICE COME PICK HER UP?
Heavy
JUST DON'T GIVE THEM YOUR NAME!
YEAH YEAH, I KNOW.
.....
GUESS WE MADE IT BACK, HUH
YUP...
SHE SEEMS OKAY.
THE CHIEF PRIEST SAID HE GAVE HER SOME MEDICINE TO KEEP HER OUT FOR A WHILE.
THEN HOW ABOUT WE SET HER OUTSIDE OF THE SHRINE--
I DUNNO IF IT'S JET LAG OR SOMETHING, BUT I'M KINDA SPACING OUT
KAZUKI! DINNER!
OKAY..
OH RIGHT-- DID YOU BRING BACK ANY SOUVENIRS FROM YOUR TRIP?
Oh, uh.
I don't... have any.
THEN AT LEAST SHOW ME SOME PICTURES?
EH?

OH, DID IT?
WELL YOU'LL BE STARTING COLLEGE SOON, SO GET YOUR ACT TOGETHER.
I--I WILL...
OH--OOH, MY CAMERA... KINDA BROKE
I'LL SHOW YOU AFTER I GET IT FIXED
What's going on?
I KNOW I NEED TO...
This all... feels so wrong...
I was on the other side until just yesterday...
...thinking about this global crisis.
And yet here... I'm the same as ever, peaceful and bored.

IT'S LIKE IT WAS ALL A DREAM.
HEY, KAZUKI?
YOU REMEMBER THERE WAS A POLICE CAR NEAR HERE LAST NIGHT?
OH... YEAH.
TH--THEY DID?
THEY FOUND A MISSING GIRL AT A NEARBY PARK!
THEY SAID IT WAS ALL QUITE WEIRD!
GOING ON AND ON ABOUT THE STRANGEST THINGS...!
OH... SHE WAS, HUH?
THERE'VE BEEN SO MANY STRANGE GOINGS-ON LATELY.
THEY FOUND A JOHN DOE RECENTLY, TOO.
AND SOME PEOPLE SAY THEY'VE SEEN STRANGE CREATURES TOO.
HE DIDN'T SEEM TO HAVE ANY MEMORIES, EITHER.
SINCE HE HAD NO FAMILY OR RELATIVES, THEY JUST SENT HIM TO A MENTAL FACILITY.


I knew it...
Ah—hello, Akira-chan?
The gate's expanding...
Have you seen the news?
There's weird stuff going on here too...
YEAH, LOOKS LIKE IT'S BEEN HAPPENING MORE THESE DAYS
I'M TRYING TO DO SOME ONLINE RESEARCH NOW...
I SOUNDS AS IF SOME PEOPLE FROM THE OTHER SIDE ARE COMING OVER HERE...
I DID A LITTLE DIGGING AROUND MYSELF...
There's 10 more days 'til the next full moon right?
Gotta get as much done as possible by then.
YEAH. YOU'RE RIGHT.
WE'LL HAVE TO HEAD BACK TO THE SHRINE AGAIN...
Have you found anything yet?
NO...DETAILS SEEM TO BE SKETCHY...

OH...THEY'RE BACK WITH THEIR FAMILIES FOR A BIT
OZUNO...
WHERE ARE KAZUKI AND HIS FRIEND?
ARE YOU GONNA CUT YOUR HAIR?
YEAH. MY BANGS ARE BOTHERING ME...
MROW
THEN I'LL DO IT FOR YOU!
OZUNO-SAN, YUE-SAN IS HERE FOR YOU.
OKAY--GIVE ME A MOMENT.
I SEE...
MIND PASSING ME THOSE SHEARS THERE?
THESE ONES?
SURE! I'LL BE FINE!
CAN YOU HANDLE IT, HOTARU?

I---
Wit
I'm sorry!!
.....

ACK!
Snip
WHAT'RE YOU TWO UP TO?
OH, YUE.
W..IT JUST A MINUTE.
HUH?

I GOT WORD FROM THE VILLAGE ELDER THE FELIDAL LORD IS COMING HERE.
AND EASIER TO GRASP, TO BOOT...
SHORT HAIR WILL BE EASIER TO DEAL WITH.
FELIDAL LORD?
OH...THAT STRANGE MAN.
INDEED.
...WHAT DO YOU WANT, YUE?
MM...

WELL,
AT LEAST IT SUITS YOU.

APPARENTLY HE WANTS TO SEE THE CHIEF PRIEST
SAYS HE WANTS TO DISCUSS THE GATE...
I SEE...
ALL RIGHT, I'LL PASS ON THE WORD
GOODBYE
EH?!
WHAT THE-- HOW COLD!
.....
YUE.
HM?
.....
I SEE..
HUH?
DON'T HANG AROUND ME SO MUCH.
THERE'S NO DEEP REASON WE SLEPT TOGETHER, AFTER ALL
I'M SURE YOU'RE AWARE...
...THAT IT WAS JUST A FLING
AND IT'S OVER NOW.

...WHY?
TSK...
...SO MIND IF WE HEAD ON UP TO YOUR ROOM?
THIS IS HARDLY THE TIME TO DISCUSS THAT.
...WERE YOU EVEN LISTENING TO WHAT I JUST SAID?!
FINE.
NOPE...
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...THIS IS IT, GOT IT? THE LAST TIME
.....
CREAK
OI...
ENOUGH ALREADY!
HMM .?
HEY, OZUNO.

WHAT?
LIKE I SAID--
WANNA STICK IT IN...?
BUT IT FEELS GREAT.
FINE LET'S USE YOURS.
DO YOU WANNA USE MY ASS?
ABSO-LUTELY NOT!
grope
DO YOU AL-WAYS DO THAT KIND OF THING WITH MEN?
HM?
EEEH??
AWW, C'MON!
HELL NO!
AH...AH...
THERE'S A HOLE, SEEMS A WASTE NOT TO USE IT.
SO WHAT IF I DO?
...ARE YOU AN ANIMAL?
WHAT'S... WITH YOU? GEEZ--
I'M JUST SAYIN' IT'S USEFUL WHEN THERE'RE NO WOMEN.

Squeeze
I REALLY LOVE YOUR BODY...
Just can't get enough of how your skin feels! ♡
CUT IT OUT.
MMF...
CHIEF PRIEST!

NOOO NO NO
IT'S NO TROUBLE AT ALL IF IT MEANS I GET TO SEE YOU.
.....
WE'RE HONORED THE FEUDAL LORD HAS COME ALL THIS WAY TO SEE US.
SLAP
pissed
.....
OH, MY APOLOGIES!
smile
.....
SO... HOW CAN WE BE OF SERVICE?
smile
LIH HUH ..
IT'S ACTUALLY SOMETHING OF AN URGENT MATTER—
SO YOUR SHIELD IS WEAKENING?
YOU SEE,
SEVERAL STRANGE OCCURRENCES HAVE BEEN REPORTED IN OUR TOWN—
EXACTLY
RIGHT TO THE POINT, I SEE!
CAN'T YOU GRANT ME A FEW MORE MOMENTS TO ENJOY OUR REUNION?

BUT...
DIDN'T TAOISTS FROM THE CONTINENT SET UP STRONG SHIELDS PROTECTING YOUR TOWN...?
THEY DID
BUT GHOSTS HAVE STILL MANAGED TO SQUEEZE THROUGH CRACKS IN THE SHIELD.
BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE...
SO FEW EVEN KNOW OF THE GATE'S VERY EXISTENCE!
AND THANKS TO THAT, EERIE RUMORS HAVE BEEN SWIRLING AROUND.
SOME... ACTUALLY QUITE CREDIBLE IN REFERENCE TO THE GATE...
THEN IT SEEMS WE HAVE A LEAK SOMEWHERE.
THIS WILL ONLY STIR TALK OF EVENTUAL WAR WITH THE OTHER SIDE AT THIS RATE.
SIR...
I'M ACTUALLY HAVING SOME SCHOLARS KNOWLEDGEABLE ON THE GATE INVESTIGATING IT.
ARE YOU NOW?
I CAN'T YET REVEAL THE PARTICULARS, BUT I BELIEVE WE CAN TRUST THEM.
I SEE...
THEY MUST INDEED BE CAPABLE FOR YOU TO SAY SO.

INDEED
I'LL THINK IT OVER
WON'T YOU COME INTO THE TOWN SOMETIME?
I'M SURE EVERYONE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR A-BOUT YOU
IT'S BEEN A WHILE
THE FEUDAL LORD...
I WAS JUST CHATTING WITH YOUR BROTHER ABOUT THE GATE.
OH, IT SEEMS YOUR YOUNGER BROTHER HAS ARRIVED...
I SHALL.
BOW
I SEE.. PLEASE TAKE YOUR TIME.
OZUNO
NEED SOME-THING?
N--NO, NOTHING
AH--OI, OZUNO! WAIT!
JOG OFF
?

...FOR YOU TO RETURN MY FEELINGS?
SO...?
HOW MUCH LONGER MUST I WAIT...
YET YOU'RE ALLOWED TO MARRY, RIGHT?
HOMOSEXUALITY IS A FLOURISHING PART OF OUR CULTURE NOW!
DON'T HAVE TO SOUND SO OLD-FASHIONED!
SLAP
I BELIEVE I'VE MENTIONED THIS MANY TIMES--
--BUT I DON'T ENGAGE IN HOMOSEXUAL ACTIVITIES!
WHAT--YOU INTEND ON BECOMING MY WIFE?
I'M THE CHIEF PRIEST!
GLARE
HEHE!
WELL, I'LL BE ON MY WAY THEN!
AHEM!
WELL, I'LL TAKE MY LEAVE FOR TODAY...
...BUT I'LL MELT THAT COLD HEART OF YOURS SOME DAY, MARK MY WORDS!

JIKOU! WHERE DO WE KEEP THE SALT?!
IN THAT JAR...
TOSS
grab
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
CHIEF PRIEST?!
SALT?
HM?
YUE!
JUST GOT A LITTLE IRRITATED.
IT'S JUST AS OZUNO HAS SAID.
WE'RE ONLY MESSING AROUND, NOTHING REALLY MEANINGFUL.
ABOUT YOU AND OZUNO...
?
WELL I'M LEAVING
...OH.
...IT SURE DOESN'T LOOK LIKE *YOU* SEE IT THAT WAY.

HAVEN'T YOU?
...AND WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN...?
ARE YOU SUGGESTING I'VE FALLEN FOR HIM?
NO, NOT PARTICULARLY, BUT...
WOULD IT BOTHER YOU IF I HAD?
IT'S NOT LIKE THIS IS A ONE-SIDED AFFAIR ON MY PART.
THEN TELL HIM THAT.
CAN'T YOU JUST...LET HIM BE?
HE'S ALWAYS ON EDGE WITH THE GATE--I DON'T WANT YOU DISTRACTING HIM.
SEE YA
BUT ENOUGH WITH THE SALT PURIFICATION, OKAY?
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GOOD QUESTION...

GOOD GRIEF.
NOTHING BUT TROUBLESOME PEOPLE ALL AROUND ME...
THIS IS HARDLY THE TIME TO BE GETTING CAUGHT UP IN LOVE AFFAIRS!
AKIRA-CHAN!
YO, KAZU.
DID YOU FIGURE ANYTHING OUT?
WELL, YOU REMEMBER HOW THE COMPASS WAS GOING WILD AROUND THE GATE...?
YEAH.
MM.
HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF "ZERO POINTS"?

OH...
SOMETHING ABOUT HOW TWO MAGNETIC FIELDS COLLIDE...?
RIGHT.
THOUGHT IT'S A PRETTY SCIENTIFIC FIELD..
AH!!
I'VE SEEN THAT ON TV!
'POWER SPOTS' AND ALL, YEAH?
YUP.
BUT THERE'S NO SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT IT.
I've always wanted to go
HERE
LOOK AT THE PLACE I'VE MARKED.
AH!
BUT ZERO SPOTS THEMSELVES DO INDEED EXIST
AND IT JUST SO HAPPENS...
YUP.
THE MOUNTAINS OF NAGANO PREFECTURE.
THAT'S...
THAT'S WHERE THE GATE IS LOCATED ON THE OTHER SIDE.
WHEN TWO MAGNETIC FIELDS COLLIDE,
THE ENERGY THAT SHOULD BE GENERATED BY THE POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE FIELDS HITTING IS CANCELED OUT TO ZERO
BUT ACTUALLY, IT ONLY SEEMS LIKE IT'S ZERO
SOME PEOPLE THINK A STRONG, UNKNOWN FORCE IS GENERATED

S--SO IS THAT WHY THE GATE OPENS?
BECAUSE IT'S ON A ZERO SPOT?
DUNNO
IT'S JUST SOMETHING I'VE BEEN THINKING
HAVE YOU COME UP WITH ANY-THING YET?
LIKE A WAY TO KEEP THE GATE FROM EXPANDING?
MMM..
I'LL HAVE TO DO A BIT MORE DIGGING YET
YEAH ..
OH YEAH-- WHAT'RE YOU GONNA DO A-BOUT SCHOOL?
IT'S GONNA START SOON, ISN'T IT?
AKIRA-CHAN, I BROUGHT YOU LUNCH!
NNGH ..
I'M THINKING OF TAKING A LEAVE OF AB-SENCE
OH, THANKS
SERI-OUSLY?!
WHAT'RE YOU MAKING?

A DEVICE FOR MEASURING MAGNETISM...
WE NEED TO GET A PROPER READING JUST ONCE AT LEAST.
I've done some modifications
OH?
SURE...
WANNA HEAD DOWN TO THE SHRINE LATER?
?
WHAT'S WRONG, KAZU?
WELL, ANYTHING'S POSSIBLE IN THEIR WORLD...
THEY PROBABLY DO GENETIC MANIPULATION AND ALCHEMY ALL THE TIME.
YOU MEAN ABOUT THE GENETIC MANIPULATION?
YEAH.
...WHAT DO YOU THINK OF OZUNO-SAN'S SITUATION, AKIRA-CHAN?
I GUESS OZUNO-SAN'S IN AN AWKWARD POSITION...
SO MUCH FEAR AND CONTEMPT...
YEAH. LIKE HOW HE SEEMS DIFFERENT SOMEHOW. LIKE SOMETHING DOESN'T MATCH UP
HE'S JUST SOMETHING THAT MOST HUMANS CAN'T STAND TO BE AROUND

I WONDER IF THAT'S...
...WHY OZUNO-SAN IN PARTICULAR ALWAYS SEEMS SO UPTIGHT.
HMM... OR IT COULD BE THAT MAYBE EVERY TIME SOMETHING HAPPENS...
...HE AND HIS BROTHER GET BLAMED FOR IT...?
EH...?
DIDN'T YOU NOTICE HOW THEY ALWAYS SEEMED SO ON-EDGE?
.....
WH... WHAT DO WE DO?
I'M CLUELESS HERE, UNLIKE YOU, AKIRA-CHAN.
AWW, DON'T BE LIKE THAT!
CLOSING THE GATE WILL BE A GOOD THING FOR THEM!
Y-YEAH... I GUESS
Don't cry!
R--REALLY?!
WELL... PRETTY SURE
AND--
I'M PRETTY SURE I'LL BE ABLE TO FIND A WAY TO DO JUST THAT!
.....

I WONDER WHAT THEY'RE DOING NOW .
YEAH...
This isn't the sky they're seeing.
...but I believe, Ozuno-san...
...that we're looking at the same moon.
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